

ESSENTIAL FOR  
CONSISTENCY

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(a) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\frac{6}{\sqrt{x+2}} - \frac{6}{\sqrt{a+2}}}{x - a} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{6}{x-a} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a+2}} \right\} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{6}{x-a} \frac{\sqrt{a+2} - \sqrt{x+2}}{\sqrt{x+2} \sqrt{a+2}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{6}{x-a} \frac{(\sqrt{a+2} - \sqrt{x+2})(\sqrt{a+2} + \sqrt{x+2})}{\sqrt{x+2} \sqrt{a+2} \{ \sqrt{a+2} + \sqrt{x+2} \}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{6}{x-a} \frac{(a+2) - (x+2)}{\sqrt{x+2} \sqrt{a+2} \{ \sqrt{a+2} + \sqrt{x+2} \}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{6(a-x)}{(x-a) \sqrt{x+2} \sqrt{a+2} \{ \sqrt{a+2} + \sqrt{x+2} \}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{-6}{\sqrt{x+2} \sqrt{a+2} \{ \sqrt{a+2} + \sqrt{x+2} \}} \\
 &= \frac{-6}{\sqrt{a+2} \sqrt{a+2} \{ 2\sqrt{a+2} \}} = \frac{-6}{4(a+2)} \\
 \Rightarrow f'(x) &= \frac{-3}{(x+2)^{3/2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Both  $f$  and  $f'$  have domain  $(-2, \infty)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad f'(a) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\frac{x^2+1}{\sqrt{x-2}} - \frac{a^2+1}{\sqrt{a-2}}}{x-a} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{x-a} \frac{(x^2+1)\sqrt{a-2} - (a^2+1)\sqrt{x-2}}{\sqrt{x-2}\sqrt{a-2}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{x-a} \frac{(x^2+1)^2(a-2) - (a^2+1)^2(x-2)}{\sqrt{x-2}\sqrt{a-2}((x^2+1)\sqrt{a-2} + (a^2+1)\sqrt{x-2})} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{x-a} \left\{ \frac{(x^2+1)^2 a - (a^2+1)^2 x + 2(a^2-x^2) + 4(a^2-x^2)}{\text{same denominator}} \right\} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{ax^3 + a^2x^2 + a^3x + 2ax - 1 - 2(a+x)(a^2+x^2) - 4(a+x)}{-2(a+x)(a^2+x^2)} \\
 &\quad \text{same thing} \\
 &= \frac{a^4 + a^4 + a^4 + 2a^2 - 1 - 8a^3 - 8a}{\sqrt{a-2}\sqrt{a-2}((a^2+1)\sqrt{a-2} + (a^2+1)\sqrt{a-2})} \\
 &= \frac{3a^4 - 8a^3 + 2a^2 - 8a - 1}{2(a^2+1)(a-2)^{3/2}} \\
 &= \frac{3a^2 - 8a - 1}{2(a-2)^{3/2}} \\
 \Rightarrow \quad f'(x) &= \frac{3x^2 - 8x - 1}{2(x-2)^{3/2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Domain:  $(2, \infty)$  for both  $f$  &  $f'$

[ MUCH TOO HARD FOR A REAL TEST,  
BY THE WAY ]

3(a) Set  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3 + 0 \Rightarrow f'(1) = 0$   
 and  $g(x) = e^x + 4x^2 + 1 \Rightarrow g'(x) = e^x + 4 \cdot 2x + 0$   
 $\Rightarrow g'(1) = e + 8$

Then  $h'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)g(x)] = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$   
 $\Rightarrow h'(1) = f'(1)g(1) + f(1)g'(1) = 0 + (1^3 - 3 + 2)(e + 8)$   
 $= 0$

(But the method would be essentially the same even if the answer were not zero.)

(b)  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \Rightarrow h'(x) = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2}$   
 $\Rightarrow h'(1) = \frac{g(1)f'(1) - f(1)g'(1)}{g(1)^2} = \frac{(e+5) \cdot 0 - 0 \cdot (e+8)}{(e+5)^2} = 0$

(Same comment.)

4.  $f'(x) = \begin{cases} a + 2bx & \text{if } x < 2 \\ \frac{-1}{x^2} & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$  (by linearity and power law)

Continuity of  $f$  requires  $f(2-) = f(2+) \text{ or } a \cdot 2 + b \cdot 2^2 = \frac{1}{2}$   
 " "  $f'$  "  $f'(2-) = f'(2+) \text{ or } a + 2b \cdot 2 = -\frac{1}{2^2}$

So  $\begin{cases} 2a + 4b = \frac{1}{2} \\ a + 4b = -\frac{1}{4} \end{cases} \Rightarrow a = \frac{3}{4}, b = -\frac{1}{4}$

5. By the quotient rule,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x+1)\frac{d}{dx}(x) - x\frac{d}{dx}(x+1)}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{(x+1) \cdot 1 - x(1+0)}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$

So tangent line at  $(a, \frac{a}{a+1})$  has slope  $\frac{1}{(a+1)^2}$

So its equation is  $y - \frac{a}{a+1} = \frac{1}{(a+1)^2} \{x - a\}$

It passes through  $(1, 2)$  if  $2 - \frac{a}{a+1} = \frac{1-a}{(a+1)^2} \Rightarrow$

$2(a+1)^2 - a(a+1) = 1-a \text{ or } a^2 + 4a + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (a+2)^2 = 3$

$\Rightarrow a = -2 \pm \sqrt{3}$ . So there are two such tangent lines. They

touch the curve at  $(-2 \pm \sqrt{3}, \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{3}}{-2 \pm \sqrt{3} + 1})$ , or  $(\sqrt{3}-2, \frac{\sqrt{3}-2}{\sqrt{3}-1})$  and  $(-\sqrt{3}-2, \frac{\sqrt{3}+2}{\sqrt{3}+1})$